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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND DRV

SUMMARY: GOJ CONTINUES TO OBSERVE HOW VIETNAM AGREEMENT
AND JUNE 13 PARIS JOINT COMMUNIQUE ARE BING IMPLEMENTED
PRIOR TO DECIDING WHEN TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRV
RE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS
MAY BEGIN IN JULY. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF, FIRST SEA DIV CHIEF, HANABUSA, TOLD EMBOFF
JUNE 27 THAT FONOFF IS CONTINUING TO OBSERVE IMPLE-
MENTATION OF VIETNAM PEACE AGREEMENT AND JUNE 13 PARIS
JOINT COMMUNIQUE PRIOR TO DECIDING WHEN TO APPROACH
DRV ON OPENING NEGOTIATIONS RE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS. HANABUSA SAID LEVEL OF CONFLICT IN
SOUTH VIETNAM SEEMS TO HAVE DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY
SINCE JUNE 13. FONOFF HAS IMPRESSION THAT BOTH GVN
AND VC ARE SEEKING TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR HOLDINGS
AND THAT NO MAJOR MILITARY OFFENSIVES ARE LIKELY TO
OCCUR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. SITUATION IN LAOS
APPEARS TO HAVE CALMED AND STABLIZED, THOUGH COALITION
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GOVT NOT YET FORMED. KHMER, HOWEVER, VERY UNCERTAIN,
AND FONOFF NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR
NEGOTIATED STATEMENT.

2. HANABUSA DID NOT PREDICT WHEN GOJ WOULD DECIDE TO
APPROACH DRV BUT REITERATED THAT USG WOULD BE INFORMED
IN ADVANCE. HE COMMENTED THAT AFTER DRV LIAISON OFFICE
IN PARIS HAD BEEN RAISED TO EMBASSY STATUS, FORMER HEAD
OF LIAISON OFFICE HAD BEEN RECALLED TO HANOI. FONOFF
BELIEVES DRV HAS NAMED AMB TO FRANCE BUT THAT INDIVIDUAL
HAS NOT YET ARRIVED IN PARIS. HENCE, DRV MAY HAVE SOME
DIFFICULTIES ON THEIR SIDE, AND FONOFF IS ANTICIPATING
THAT DRV MAY TAKE TWO WEEKS IN REPLYING, AFTER GOJ MAKES
APPROACH. HANABUSA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DESPITE PROBABLE
DIFFICULTIES, NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BEGIN IN JULY.

3. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, HANABUSA CONFIRMED THAT
JAPANESE SPONSORS OF VISIT BY DRV/ PRG GROUP
(TOKYO 7888) HAD INFORMED MINISTRY OF JUSTICE THAT
GROUP WOULD ARRIVE IN JAPAN JULY 8.
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